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It was good to hear from you and get the rundown on what you have been doing since retiring. That occasional "urge" to get back into your old FBIS profession is certainly not unusual, and is often rekindled, as you suggest, by conflict in one part of the world or another.

FBIS has, and is, undergoing many changes these days as we adapt to the changing world and new technology. Since you left we have opened several additional bureaus in the Far East, Middle East, and Africa. Here in Headquarters, automation of the DAILY REPORT and Wire is getting underway this summer, with our editors preparing to turn in their pencils and green eyeshades for computer-linked electronic keyboards. Closer to your old line of work, we are now actively in the business of monitoring satellite-relayed broadcasts. In short, it is an exciting and challenging time for all of us in FBIS.

As for your offer, we have no requirement at this time for assistance in the Florida area. Your old colleague, is working for us as a part-time contract cruiser at Key West Bureau. John has also retired and now lives in the Keys. We put him on contract initially to train our new cruisers, but with heightened interest in Cuban and Central American broadcasting we have been using him for a variety of tasks. We expect to renew his contract this summer. Of course, we never know what lies ahead, so we will keep your offer in mind.

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Once again, it was nice hearing from you and learning that, like most of our retirees, this interesting business of ours is still in your blood. My best to you and Dottie.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director

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Dear [Redacted]

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I'm a former FBIS Cruising Monitor who spent almost 27 with the organization before taking an early retirement seven years ago at the ripe young age of 45.

The events in Cuba, Middle East, Latin America and the Falkland Islands seemed to have ignited a spark, especially the use of HMS Hermes by the British. The HMS Hermes, the ship that many FBIS personnel stationed in Cyprus in 1974 will forever be grateful to for their rescue operations on the Kyrenia Beach. I often think of what I would do if this or that event happened and what we (FBIS) would have to do to cover the events.

I thought you and my former colleagues would like to know "whatever happened" to at least one of your former employees. My wife Dottie and I are enjoying "retired life" although both of us are working. We have our own home in Broward County, Florida just outside Ft. Lauderdale. My wife is a nurse and I'm Office Manager for a South Florida service company. We have been to Europe several times, taken a number of cruises, traveled around the country as well as enjoying South Florida's year round vacation atmosphere. On numerous occasions we have recalled the many people and places we came into contact with during our career with FBIS.

On occasion I feel the urge to "give the dial a twirl" but unfortunately have only a small unprofessional shortwave receiver which limits my capability considerably. I do have a sophisticated Bearcat which permits me to listen to area law enforcement agencies which I find interesting and relaxing. I probably could become a Police Dispatcher with all the knowledge I've gained listening to this media!

I have always felt that my knowledge and that of others who have "retired" is a most valuable asset/should not be lost by our organization. FBIS spent a considerable amount of time and money training us and even now provides us with a very generous pension. Speaking of Cruising Monitors, a very small and rare breed, are not developed overnight. Years of training, hard work, patience, odd working hours, headaches and desire to be of service are just a few of the traits necessary. Since I do have a few spare hours each week and I am a firm believer in keeping busy I'd

like to volunteer my services to FBIS. I don't know what the reception base in this area is but from what I hear on my limited facilities minimal reception if not more is possible. If the Field Operations Staff would like to take advantage of my offer to provide assistance the only request of FBIS that I would make is that you provide a Collins 51J4 receiver, converter, Xtel printer and accessories as well as franking privileges and possible authorization to use Federal 800 telephone system for communications. Specific requests for information by FOS will be given priority and I will make available my routine observations as time permits. Servicing of equipment could be done at Key West since we take several jaunts to the Keys each year. Please be assured that security of information and equipment will prevail. I don't believe that I had any security violations in all the years of my service. If this offer has merit and generates interest on the part of FBIS I would be most happy to enter into further communications in finalizing arrangements.

In closing I would like to extend my greetings and best wishes to the dedicated people of FBIS.

Sincerely,

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